



MONTHLY REPORT
By
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INTRODUCTION:

The monthly report is a monthly update of the activities of the City of Riverside Community Police Review Commission and gives the staff a chance to pass on information that they feel is important or noteworthy. The information provided in the twelve monthly reports forms the basis for the annual report.

COMMISSIONERS RECEIVE RPD FACILITIES TOURS:

As part of a new community outreach program, the CPRC and RPD have agreed to conduct facilities tours in an effort to create increased opportunity for commissioners to interact with RPD officers. Our first tour was conducted this month at the Aviation Center where commissioners received information on the operation of the center. All commissioners without law enforcement background also received training in computerized shoot/don't shoot scenarios. More of these tours are being scheduled for next month.

NEW COMMISSIONER JOINS CPRC:

During the month of April, the Commission received the resignation of former Vice Chair Gloria Huerta. In order to comply with Measure GG, the CPRC expects to have one more commissioner from Ward 7 to replace Commissioner Huerta. This month the Commission welcomed the addition of Rick Castro as a new commissioner from Ward 6.

OUTREACH:

The Executive Director and various commissioners attended 17 meetings or community events, which included:

- Riverside Neighborhood Partnership
- Arlington Neighborhood Watch Assoc.
- RCBA Law Day at the Mall
- Merrill Lynch Dinner re Economic Crimes
- Good Morning Riverside
- Downtown Area Neighborhood Association
- Padres Unidos
- Padres Unidos Scholarship Committee
- Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee
- Meeting with Chamber of Commerce Downtown Div. President
- Community Investment Corp. Board Meeting
- Greater Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
- Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner
- Council Meeting – Appointment of new CPRC Commissioner
- CIT Training (2)

- Alvarez Jaguar Cinco de Mayo

A number of local organizations and groups have taken advantage of the opportunity to have CPRC commissioners come to their meetings and discuss the Commission and its work. If you would like to have a commissioner speak at one of your meetings, please call the office at (951) 826-5509.

WORKLOAD – May 2005:

Cases Received	Lodged	Filed through CPRC	Filed through RPD
	2	1	5

A complaint is considered **lodged** when a citizen makes a complaint to the CPRC; it is **filed** when the completed complaint form is submitted.

Case Dispositions	Cases Reviewed	Inquiries*	Administratively Closed**
	9	5	0

***Inquiries** occur when a member of the public is merely requesting clarification of a policy or procedure.

****Administrative Closure** occurs when a case is closed for reasons other than being reviewed or being classified as Inquiries.

Allegations	U/F	Disc/SH	IDF	ISS	FA	FR	CC	MC
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18

U/F = Use of Force; **Disc/SH** = Discrimination/Sexual Harassment; **IDF** = Improper Discharge of Firearms; **ISS** = Illegal Search or Seizure; **FA** = False Arrest; **FR** = False Reporting; **CC** = Criminal Conduct; **MC** = Misconduct / Misconduct Noted

Findings	Unfounded	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Sustained	Inquiry
	5	2	7	3	1

Unfounded - The alleged act did not occur. **Exonerated** - The alleged act occurred but was justified, legal and proper. **Not Sustained** - The investigation produced insufficient information to prove or disprove the allegation. **Sustained** - The Department member committed all or part of the alleged acts of misconduct or poor service. **Misconduct Noted** - The Department member violated a section of the Department policies, rules or regulations not originally alleged in the complaint.

Misconduct Noted

During investigations of alleged misconduct, all aspects of an officer's actions are inspected. When a policy violation is discovered beyond that alleged by the complainant, it is classified as "Misconduct Noted" and, by definition, is a "Sustained" finding. Of the cases reviewed this month, 0 allegations of "Misconduct Noted" were discovered.

Cases on Hold

There is currently 1 case on hold in our office. These cases have either been returned to RPD for further investigation or are being held pending further investigation by the CPRC investigator.

Case Processing Analysis for Cases Reviewed in May 2005

This chart reflects the average number of days the Police Department and CPRC took to process Category 1 and Category 2 cases reviewed in May. These figures do not include cases that were held for further investigation.

	Category 1	Category 2
RPD investigation and administrative processing	0	73
CPRC processing and review	0	50

Category 1 complaints are the most serious allegations such as criminal conduct and use of excessive force.

Category 2 complaints are the less serious allegations such as discourtesy and improper procedure.

Policy Recommendations

There was one (1) policy recommendation made by the Commission in May 2005 regarding RPD Policy and Procedures 4.39: Response to Loud Parties, Gatherings or Events.

In reviewing a recent complaint, the Commission noted that **RPD Policy 4.39 RESPONSE TO LOUD PARTIES, GATHERINGS OR EVENTS** does not appear to be consistent with field practice or, in some instances, with the wishes

of complaining parties. Specifically, Section 4.39 C. 1. a. requires the officer responding to an initial complaint, "...to contact the victim, obtain a statement, and determine whether the victim is willing to execute a private person's arrest form in the event a second response is necessary..."

There are instances where the complaining party does not want the fact that they complained to be known. The appearance of a police officer at complainant's home just before the officer contacts the loud party is a giveaway that they are the source of the complaint. Further, if the intent of the complaint is to stop the noise, it may be a waste of the officer's time to contact the complainant if they can simply go to the source of the noise and request that it be toned down.

Policy Recommendation:

The Commission believes Section 4.39 should be redrafted to give officers the flexibility to contact the complaining party or not, as circumstances dictate. Naturally, if the complaining party requests officer contact, it should be provided, if possible.